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# CALIFORNIA-NEVADA TAHOE BASIN FIRE COMMISSION



Nevada State Capitol  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, January 24, 2008

**Community Fire Safety Committee (9:00 a.m.),  
Wildland Fuels Committee (9:00 a.m.), and  
Gubernatorial Emergency Declaration Committee  
(or renamed Committee) (9:00 a.m.)  
Lake Tahoe Community College  
1 College Drive,  
South Lake Tahoe, California  
(Committees' Notice/Agenda and meeting location on page 3)**

Friday, January 25, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

**Commission Meeting  
Lake Tahoe Community College, Board Room  
1 College Drive,  
South Lake Tahoe, California**

## AGENDA

### **(Action may be taken on those items denoted "Action")**

*Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Co-Chairs. Times listed are estimates provided for planning purposes only. Items may be taken out of order and may take more or less time than indicated.*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Discussion and Adoption of Minutes – **Action**
  - A. December 14, 2007
  - B. January 15, 2008

3. Presentation by Thomas Bonnicksen, PhD. on forest management options for mitigating the adverse effects of wildfire in the Lake Tahoe Basin – **Discussion/Action**
4. Staff Report – **Discussion/Action**
  - A. Status of Commission Work Plan
  - B. Status of Proposed Findings and Recommendations
  - C. Status of Draft Final Report to Governors
5. Committee Reports
  - A. Wildland Fuels Committee Report – **Discussion/Action**
    1. Status of Findings and Recommendations regarding:
      - a. Permit streamlining
      - b. Prescribed burning and air quality issues
      - c. Biomass utilization of vegetation fuel reduction products
      - d. Other Findings and Recommendations
    2. Other issues
  - B. Community Fire Safety Committee Report – **Discussion/Action**
    1. Status of Findings and Recommendations regarding:
      - a. Defensible space and water quality best management practices (BMPs)
      - b. Levels of service for wildfire protection in the Tahoe Basin
      - c. Fuels treatments on state and federal urban lots
      - d. Homeowner education
      - e. Other Findings and Recommendations
    2. Other issues
  - C. Gubernatorial Emergency Declaration Committee (or renamed committee) Report – **Discussion/Action**
    1. Status of Findings and Recommendations regarding:
      - a. A Gubernatorial Emergency Declaration for the Tahoe Basin
      - b. TRPA Compact
      - c. SNPLMA funding process
      - d. Fuel reduction project funding and other economic factors
      - e. The long-term sustainability of Commission recommendations
    2. Other issues
6. Working Groups Report – **Discussion/Action**
7. Public Comment – **Discussion**
8. Adjournment – **Action**

**Committee Meetings  
January 24, 2008**

**Lake Tahoe Community College,  
1 College Drive  
South Lake Tahoe, California**

**A. Community Fire Safety Committee – 9:00 a.m. (Board Room)**

1. Call to Order - 9:00 am
  - a. Roll Call
2. Review of previous actions taken – **Discussion/Action** (9:30am)

The committee will review all previous actions taken at January 14 and 15, Committee and Commission meetings and will discuss any requests from committee members to take further action on topics discussed.

**Break** (15 minutes) 10:30am

3. Review of non-Commission proposed findings/recommendations (10:45am)
  - a. F&R V-009 - Lake Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs  
Finding: "The level of wildland fire protection on California SRA is below the basic 24/7 all-risk standard experienced elsewhere in California."
4. Review of non-Commission proposed findings/recommendations (continued) 11:45am  
The committee members will hear comments from USFS and Cal Fire, and other stakeholders regarding the subject matters discussed by Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs.

**Lunch** (75 minutes) 12:00pm

5. Committee Findings and Recommendations - **Discussion/Action** (1:15pm)  
The committee members may make findings and recommendations regarding the subject matters discussed and may take action on recommendations to the Commission.
6. Committee Coordination – **Discussion** (1:30pm)
  - a. Review of non-Commission proposed Findings and Recommendations that have been submitted through the process adopted by the Commission at the December 14, meeting as assigned by committee.  
EDC = Emergency Declaration Committee  
WFC = Wildland Fuels Committee  
CFSC= Community Fire Safety Committee

**Break** (15 minutes) 2:30pm

7. Open committee discussion (2:45pm)
8. Findings and Recommendations – **Discussion/Action** (3:45pm)  
The committee members will discuss findings and recommendations regarding the subject matters discussed.
9. Public Comments (30 minutes) 4:00pm  
The committee will hear comments from the public. Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person with a maximum of 30 minutes. Public comment cards will be accepted and called upon in the order received.
10. Findings and Recommendations – **Discussion/Action** (4:30pm)  
The committee members may make findings and recommendations regarding the subject matters discussed and may take action on recommendations to the Commission. The committee may also identify key performance measures and develop due dates for future work.

11. Adjournment—**Action** (5:00pm)  
Items not completed will be tabled for a future agenda.

**B. Wildland Fuels Committee – 9:00 a.m. (Aspen Room)**

1. Call to Order
  - a. Roll call
  - b. Review and approval of minutes – **Action**
  - c. Review agenda including adjournment time – **Discussion**
2. Presentation/discussion on a new Biomass facility in the Tahoe Basin
3. Dialogue (to include invited subject matter experts) – **Discussion/Action**
  - a. Biomass  
Public Comments on Biomass  
Findings and recommendations on Biomass – **Discussion/Action**
  - b. Air Quality Working Group  
Public Comments on Air Quality  
Findings and recommendations on Air Quality – **Discussion/Action**
  - c. Permit Improvement Group – **Discussion/Action**
  - d. Stream Environment Zones  
Public Comments on Permit Improvement and SEZ's  
Findings and recommendations on Permit Improvement and SEZ's – **Discussion/Action**
4. Other Findings and recommendations – **Discussion/Action**  
Public Comments
5. Adjournment – **Action**

**C. Gubernatorial Emergency Declaration Committee (or renamed Committee) – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 (Room E-100)**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.
2. Review and approval of minutes.--**Action**
3. Continue discussion on suitable findings to support an emergency declaration.—**Discussion/Action**
4. Consideration of Findings and Recommendation regarding the TRPA Compact.--**Discussion/Action**
5. Consideration of Findings and Recommendation regarding fuel reduction project funding and other economic factors.-- **Discussion/Action**
6. Consideration of Findings and Recommendation regarding the long-term sustainability of Commission recommendations.-- **Discussion/Action**
9. Consideration of other submitted Findings and Recommendations.-- **Discussion/Action**
10. Adjournment-- **Action**

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Board Room  
1 College Drive  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

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101 North Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources  
901 South Stewart Street, Richard H. Bryan Building  
Carson City, NV 89701-5244

Nevada Legislative Building  
401 South Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

Copies of the written materials will be made available to the public at the meeting location at the Lake Tahoe Community College, Board Room, 1 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California.

For information or documents (as indicated below) concerning the Commission meeting, please contact Dana Cole, Commission Staff Liaison, (916) 327-9631 or [Dana.Cole@resources.ca.gov](mailto:Dana.Cole@resources.ca.gov)

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